GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SMOKING FREE WORK PLACES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to introduce rules effecting smoking-free work places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether areas will be designated in work places for smoking;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the date from which these rules are proposed to be made effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): Section 4 of the "The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" prohibits smoking in a Public Place which includes public office, libraries, restaurants, educational institutions, court building, railways waiting room etc. The provisions of the Act 2003 already prohibit Smoking in Public Places.
The Government is in the process of framing rules, to further improve implementation of the legal provisions to ensure that there is no smoking in Public Places including Work places.